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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Douglas E. Gunnels for his dedicated service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor our colleagues who during their service in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with honor, and whose professionalism and competence continue to serve as a model for present and future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Douglas E. Gunnels is one such esteemed public servant who has served on Capitol Hill for six terms as a member of the House of Representatives; his distinguished legislative career regrettably will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2000 session of the One Hundred First General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, beginning his meritorious service in the House of Representatives in 1989, Doug Gunnels quickly distinguished himself as an effective public servant, including his meritorious tenure as the Minority Floor Leader in the 100th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gunnels served the good people of House District 21 with the utmost integrity and probity; and

WHEREAS, ever mindful of his civic responsibility, Representative Gunnels has made significant contributions to many civic, business and charitable organizations, including the Civitan Club, the Rotary Club, the Greenback Masonic Lodge, the Lenoir City Odd Fellows Lodge, the Chamber of Commerce, the Committee of 100, and the Loudon County United Fund, of which he served with acumen as past president; and

WHEREAS, Doug Gunnels evinces his robust faith in the Lord through his membership in the Presbyterian Church, where he has served with dedication as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments and accolades aside, Doug is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Vicki, and their children, Cory and Brett; and

WHEREAS, the 21st House District was well represented by this prominent legislator, as he has served the good people of his district with industry and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Representative Gunnels will be long remembered as a proponent of good government, who has dedicated himself to serving the needs of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, for twelve years, Representative Doug Gunnels was a prominent figure on Capitol Hill; he is a gentleman whose energy and devotion to the legislative process will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now most appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this esteemed legislator should honor him and recognize his numerous accomplishments and contributions to our Great State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Representative Douglas E. Gunnels for his innumerable services to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career as a member of this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Representative Gunnels our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.